

Re:Structuring

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LEAP Letter Highlights

The Mar/Apr 98 LEAP Letter features a "Guest Perspective" by NCLC attorney Nancy Brockway on "Statewide Administration of Public Purpose Programs Under Restructuring" comparing action in 11 states.

A total of 195 state bills and resolutions on electricity issues were active in legislatures since January with restructuring bills passing in Connecticut and Virginia. While competition bills failed in 9 states so far in 1998, bills are still pending in 8 legislatures.

Also featured is information on the Clinton Administration's restructuring plan, the new renewable portfolio standard and system benefit charge in Connecticut, and a state-by-state overview of regulatory, legislative, and court actions over the past 2 months.

Finally, a PhD student's study of market power issues in Colorado provides EIA data for a LEAP Letter map of the United States showing: "32 States Where One Firm Owns Over 40% of the Generation Capacity."

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Upcoming Meetings/Conferences

Consumers' Right to Know: Information Disclosure for Electricity Sales, A National Executive Dialogue
Sponsored by the National Council. May 13-14, 1998.
Chicago, IL (Ramada Plaza Hotel O'Hare).

National Council on Competition and the Electric Industry—Steering Committee Meeting. May 15, 1998.
Chicago, IL (Ramada Plaza Hotel O'Hare).

National Council Steering Committee Meeting.
July 23, 24, or 25, 1998. Las Vegas, NV (Tentative).

National Council Steering Committee Meeting.
November 12, 1998. Orlando, FL (Tentative).

National Council

The National Council on Competition and the Electric Industry is a partnership of the associations of decision-makers who are directly responsible for restructuring the electric industry (NARUC and NCSL, with participation by FERC, DOE, and EPA) to provide high-quality and timely information about restructuring. The mission of the National Council is to facilitate collaboration between state legislators and state regulators in order to better protect the public interest as the U.S. power sector is restructured.

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The goal of the National Council's Newsletter, **Re:Structuring**, is to provide summaries of the Council's activities and highlight noteworthy developments around the country that affect electric industry restructuring.

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National Council Publications on Electric Industry Restructuring

Research Reports

Federal, State, and Local Tax Implications of Electric Industry Restructuring (Deloitte & Touche, 1996)

Assessing Impacts of Restructuring on Small Business, Residential, and Low-Income Customers (Roger D. Colton, 1996)

The Unintended Impacts of Restructuring (Dave Schoengold, 1996)

The Organization of Competitive Wholesale Power Markets and Spot Price Pools (Paul A. Centolella, 1996)

Stranded Benefits in Electric Utilities Restructuring (Nancy Brockway & Michael Sherman, 1996)

The British Electric Utility Restructuring Experience: History and Lessons for the U.S. (Michael C. Brower, Stephen D. Thomas, & Catherine Mitchell, 1996)

Regulation and Competition Without Privatization: Norway's Experience (Jan Moen & Jan Hamrin, Printed in *The Electricity Journal*, March 1996)

Public-Interest Research and Development in the Electric and Gas Utility Industries (Carl Blumstein, Richard Scheer, and Stephen Wiel, 1998)

Briefing Papers

Customer Choice (Cheryl Harrington, 1996)

Electric Utility Transition Costs
(Eric Hirst & Lester Baxter, 1996)

Market Power in the Electric Utility Industry: An Overview
(William Shepherd, 1997)

Restructuring Issues Associated with Nuclear Power Plants
(William B. Marcus, 1997)

Regional Issues in Restructuring the Electric Industry
(Sue Tierney, April 1998)

Disclosure Series

Full Environmental Disclosure for Electricity: Tracking and Reporting Key Information (David Moskovitz et al., July 1997)

Information Disclosure for Electricity Sales: Consumer Preferences from Focus Groups (Alan S. Levy et al., July 1997)

Disclosure of Fuel Mix and Emissions by Electric Retail Service Providers: Confidentiality vs. the Public's Right to Know (Scott Hempling, July 1997)

Information Disclosure for Electricity Sales: Consumer Preferences from Focus Groups, Report 2—West Coast (Mario Teisel et. al., 1997)

Information Disclosure for Electricity Sales: Consumer Preferences from Focus Groups, Report 3—Rocky Mountain West (Lynn Halverson & Edward Holt, 1997)

Uniform Consumer Disclosure Standards for New England: Report and Recommendations to the New England Utility Regulatory Commissions (Tom Austin et al., 1997)

Other

Council Design Criteria List (Jan Hamrin, 1995)

Six Generic Restructuring Models (Jan Hamrin, 1995)

A Glossary of Restructuring Terms

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